

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4565

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ASSISTANCE TO CHHATTISGARH FOR RELIEF FROM DROUGHT

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have provided assistance in cash and kind as relief for drought led famine to Chhattisgarh during the current year;

(b) if so, the details of cash and kind separately; and

(c) whether the State Government has ensured proper utilization of this assistance?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a)&(b): 4.07 lakh tonnes of foodgrains free of cost was allocated to the State under Food for Work Programme besides 0.97 lakh tonnes of foodgrains at Below Poverty Line (BPL) rates. Central share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) for 2001-02 amounting to Rs.21.63 crore and total assistance of Rs.58.94 crore from National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) have been released to the State.

(c): Distribution of relief at the ground level is the responsibility of the State Government.